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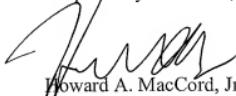
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RE: U.S. Patent No. 7,114,656  
Issued October 3, 2006  
Our File No. 8550-004

Dear Sir:

This letter is to request a refund of \$490 for the first maintenance fee paid April 5, 2010 as a large entity for the above patent. The maintenance fee was paid electronically and deducted from our deposit account. It is requested that the refund be credited to our Deposit Account 501923. A letter claiming small entity status has today been faxed to the Maintenance Fee Section.

Respectfully submitted,



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